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SUBJECT: DUTCH REFINERY INVESTMENTS FOCUSED ON LIGHTER END
OF THE BARREL

SUMMARY. WITH DEMAND FOR GASOLINE GROWING FASTER IN THE
NETHERLANDS THAN THAT FOR FUEL OIL, INVESTMENTS BY DUTCH
REFINERY INDUSTRY ARE AIMED PRIMARILY AT INCREASING THE
AMOUNT OF LIGHTER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. THUS, BRITISH PETRO-
LEUM COMPANY AND ROYAL DUTCH SHELL RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PLANS
WORTH 800 MILLION GUILDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION
OF CATALYTIC CRACKER INSTALLATIONS IN THE RIJNMOND AREA.
END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL STATISTICS DUTCH DOMESTIC DEMAND
FOR MOTOR GASOLINE DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS
YEAR INCREASED BY 6.1 PERCENT COMPARED TO AN 18.9 PERCENT
DROP IN FUEL OIL CONSUMPTION. IN RESPONSE TO MARKET
DEVELOPMENTS, DUTCH BASED REFINERIES ARE SHIFTING THEIR
PRODUCT MIX TOWARDS THE LIGHTER END OF THE BARREL AT THE
EXPENSE OF FUEL OIL PRODUCTION. REFINERY INVESTMENTS, AS
A CONSEQUENCE, ARE PRIMARILY AIMED AT THE CONSTRUCTION
AND EXPANSION OF CATALYTIC CRACKERS. THUS, BRITISH
PETROLEUM COMPANY RECENTLY ANNOUNCED EXPANSION OF ITS
REFINERY IN THE RIJNMOND AREA TO INCLUDE A NEW CATALYTIC
CRACKER INSTALLATION, WHILE ROYAL DUTCH SHELL REVEALED
PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW NAPHTHA CRACKER AND PLAT-
FORM AS WELL AS THE EXPANSION OF ITS CATALYTIC CRACKER

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2. BP'S INVESTMENT PLANS, WORTH 600 MILLION GUILDERS (2.50 GUILDERS EQUAL 1 DOLLAR), INCLUDE A VACUUM DISTILLATION PLANT, A CATALYTIC CRACKER INSTALLATION, AN ALKYLIS-ING PLANT AND A "FISH BREAKER" UNIT. THE NEW INVESTMENTS, PLANNED FOR COMPLETION AT THE END OF 1979, WILL PROVIDE A 50 PERCENT CUT IN BP'S OUTPUT (80 THOUSAND BARRELS A DAY) OF FUEL OIL, INCREASING THE PRODUCTION OF LIGHTER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS BY 40 THOUSAND BARRELS A DAY. AT PRESENT 40 PERCENT OF THE REFINERY'S DAILY OUTPUT OF 520,000 BARRELS CONSISTS OF FUEL OIL, 25 PERCENT OF GAS OIL, 15 PERCENT OF KEROSENE AND 20 PERCENT OF NAPHTHA AND GASOLINE COMPONENTS.

3. THE GREEN LIGHT WAS GIVEN RECENTLY BY ROYAL DUTCH SHELL TO INVESTMENTS WORTH 200 MILLION GUILDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW NAPHTHA HYDRO CRACKER INSTALLATION AND PLATFORM TO COMPLY WITH THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE QUALITY OF MOTOR GASOLINE, AND AN ADDITIONAL THREE MILLION GUILDERS TO OVERCOME A BOTTLENECK IN ONE OF SHELL'S TWO (5500 TONS A DAY) CATALYTIC CRACKERS TO BOOST PRODUCTION OF THE LIGHTER GASOLINE FRACTIONS BY FOUR PERCENT. IDENTICAL PLANS FOR INCREASED OUTPUT OF LIGHTER PETROLEUM FRACTIONS BY ESSO ARE UNDER STUDY BUT HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED.

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